

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 5-6 and 13-15 are cancelled without prejudice and replaced with new claims 16-22. New claim 16 corresponds to former claim 5 except that the solution has now been defined as “consisting of” a solvent, a compound represented by the formula (1), and a catalyst. Thus, the language objected to by the Examiner of “cross linking agents” has been removed. The term “consisting of” now excludes cross linking agents from the scope of the claim.

New claim 17 is added corresponding to former claim 6, except that the compound of formula (2) has been replaced with the compound of formula (1).

The solvent which has been added to new claims 16 and 17 is supported in the specification at page 20, lines 2-3 and page 30, lines 9-14.

New claims 18-20 correspond to former claims 13-15, respectively. New claims 21 and 22 are added for additional patent protection. These claims correspond generally to new claims 16-17, respectively, except these claims include a functional substance, which is supported in the specification at page 31, line 23 to page 32, line 12.

Turning to the Official Action, the rejection of claims 5, 6, and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, is deemed to be overcome in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claims 5, 6 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Naito et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed as applied to the amended claims.

A cross linking agent is an essential feature of Naito's invention. Naito et al. do not teach or suggest a process for preparing a composite comprising a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer according to the present invention, which process excludes a cross linking agent.

Accordingly, the cited reference fails to render obvious the claimed invention as amended.

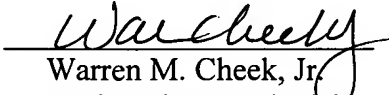
Claims 5 and 13-15 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Kane et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed as applied to the amended claims.

A phenolic resin is an essential feature of Kane's invention. Kane et al. do not teach or suggest excluding the phenolic resin from the process. A phenolic resin is excluded from the newly claimed process. Accordingly, the cited reference fails to anticipate the claimed process.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each ground of rejection set forth in the Official Action has been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

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